GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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EXPANSION OF AIR/FM
CHANDRAKANT BHAURAO KHAIRE

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

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(a) the steps being taken by the Government to extend radio coverage in rural & urban areas of the country;

(b) the number of radio broadcasting centers , medium wave, short wave and FM channels in the country, location wise, name wise, State-wise till date;

(c) the amount allocated and spent for the development of AIR/FM during the last three years and the allocation made in the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(d) whether the Government propose to open more broadcasting centers, in the country including in Aurangabad, Pune and Maharashtra; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) To improve radio coverage in rural and urban areas of the country, additional Radio Transmitters and upgradation of power of existing ones has been proposed in draft Tenth Plan.

(b) Details are given at Annexure-I.

(c) Details are given at Annexure-II.

(d) & (e) Yes, Sir. Subject to the availability of funds in the Tenth Plan, more broadcasting centers will be opened in the country. At Aurangabad and Pune, Radio broadcasting centers are already in operation.